UEC Overview

Brant Johnson, BNL
Current Chair of the RHIC & AGS UEC

At Users' Mtg. Open Forum (6/23/05) I said that previous Subcommittees are replaced by UEC Working Groups

Current Subcommittees	Future User Working Groups (UWG)	
Non-U.S. Visitors Computing	BSA	Brookhaven Site Access
Political Action	FPA	Funding and Political Action
Users' Meeting Thesis, By-laws, Nominating	MOF	Meetings and Open Forums
Quality of Life	QOL	Quality of Life

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UEC Working Groups are Interconnected

Site Access and Science
- Physical Access (Visa, Guest Appointment, Gate Access)
- Computer Access (Cybersecurity, Scientific Computing)
- Safety, Training, Scientific Computing and data transfer issues

Meetings, Communication, and Outreach
- Annual Users' Meeting and semi-annual Users' Group Meetings
- Quarterly Open Forums, Monthly UEC Meetings, and Web Pages.
- User communication, including outreach to the wider community.

MCO: Communicating

SAS: Working

QOL: Living

FPP: Funding

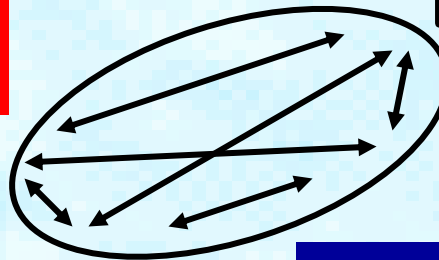## Funding, Politics, and Programmatics
- Funding: Facility Operations, Research, and User Support.
- Political Action: Interactions with DOE, OSTP, OMB, Congress
- Programmatic Issues of broad user interest (e.g., test beams)

Quality of Life
- Housing, Transportation, & Food; Recreation and Socialization
- Liaisons to Association for Students And Postdocs (ASAP)
- Site Enhancements (better lighting, foot paths, maintenance)
- Agenda input for Open Forums at BNL and User Group Meetings

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UEC Members are Expected to "Work" (C or m)

Convenors (C) or Members (m)	SAS	FPP	MCO	QOL
Totals of Members plus Convenors in each UWG:	9	12	9	7
Abhay Deshpande, SUNYSB		m	m	
Barbara Erazmus, Subatech	m	m		
Matthias Grosse Perdekamp, UIUC		m	m	
John Hill, ISU (Chair-Elect)		C(DC)	C(ExO)	
Brant Johnson, BNL (Chair)	m	C(ExO)	m	m
John Lajoie, ISU	m	m		
Mike Lisa, OSU		m	C(Wksh)	
Bill Morse, BNL		C(prg)		
Greg Nelson, Loma Linda	m			m
Sevil Selur, Yale (student/postdoc rep.)			m	m
Mike Sivertz, BNL	C(FVA)		C(OFrm)	
Jim Sowinski, Indiana	m			
George Stephans, MIT				m
Peter Steinberg, BNL	m	m		
Carla Vale, ISU (student/postdoc rep.)			m	m
Julia Velkovska, Vanderbilt	m	C(prg)		
Gary Westfall, MSU (Past Chair)		m		C(ExO)
Susan White-DePace, BNL (Users' Center Director)	C(ExO)	m	m	m

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Highlights of Recent UEC Working Group Actions

QOL: Gary Westfall led effort to develop a user survey and tabulate results. Carla Vale and Sevil Salur working as liaisons to ASAP, Association of Students and Postdocs (talk by M. Dierckxsens).

MCO: John Hill and Mike Sivertz organized this Open Forum. John Hill and Mike Lisa are working on plans for June 2006 annual users' meeting and workshops. Outreach: Abhay Deshpande is leading effort to expand outreach efforts (both out to public and in to BNL)

SAS: Susan White DePace working continually on improving ease of access to BNL, staying abreast of changing regulations, and developing UEC responses (talk by SWD).

FPP: The three Chairs have led efforts to encourage letter-writing campaigns in response to FY06 budget cuts and in hopes of improved budgets for FY07 and beyond (talk by BJ today) Programmatics: Julia Velkovska and Bill Morse working on developing cost estimates for test beams at the AGS.

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